



Eddie A. Perez, Mayor

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MAYOR PEREZ AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERS TAKE PART IN HISTORIC JOBS FORUM

WHEN: Thursday, December 1, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Room 1E at the LOB (Legislative Office Building)

In a first of its kind meeting, Mayor Eddie Perez, State Senator President Pro Tem Donald Williams and State House Speaker James Amman are joining forces with Hartford's top insurance and financial services leaders. They will strategize on how to maintain, nurture, and grow jobs in this key sector of Connecticut's economy.

Mayor Perez says, "Earlier this year, the Governor had announced how immediate action would be taken to keep Hartford the insurance capital of the world. Seven months later, thousands of jobs have been targeted, eliminated, or transferred out of the Capital City."

On November 18th, Mayor Perez convened an emergency economic summit with executives of the major Hartford based insurance and financial institutions. That meeting led to a high sense of urgency to reverse the current trend. The Mayor's meeting then led to an announcement on November 22nd with state leaders that this next high-level gathering would take place.

Mayor Perez says, "I applaud Senator Williams and Speaker Amman for putting this critical issue on the front burner. I commend their leadership and look forward to working with them and our industry leaders to turn the tide on the job loss."

137,000 Connecticut residents are currently employed in the insurance and financial services industry.

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